

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Armin Reimann, *et al.*

Examiner: NELSON, Michael B.

Application Serial No.: 10/532,401

Art Unit: 4145

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For: **TWO-STEP MIXING PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
AN ABSORBENT POLYMER**

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-13, 17, 21, and 22, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified application. In addition, pursuant to Paragraph 4, as to election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species for polymer in claims 1-13, 17, 21, and 22 to be a sodium acrylate polymer. This election of species is made without traverse.

Please withdraw the remaining non-elected claims of Group II (claims 14-15), Group III (claims 16 and 18), Group IV (claim 19), and Group V (claim 20) from consideration at this time without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications thereon.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions arise.

**If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

Respectfully submitted,

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